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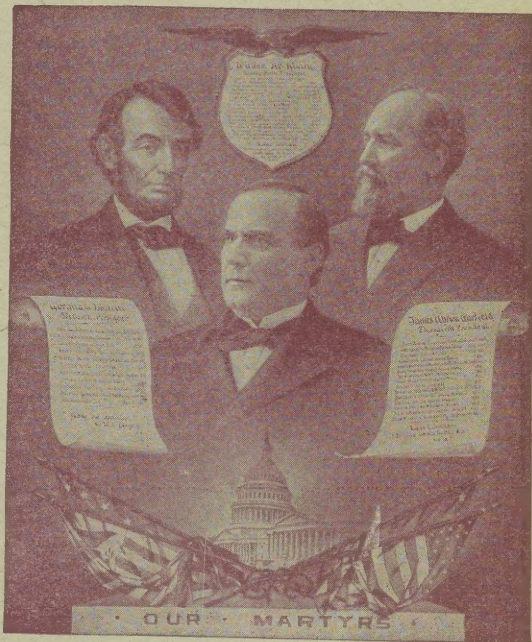


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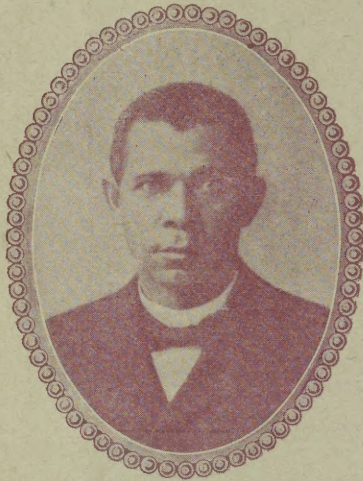
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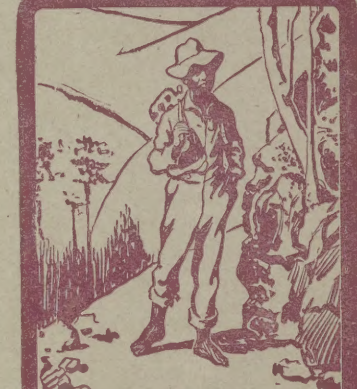
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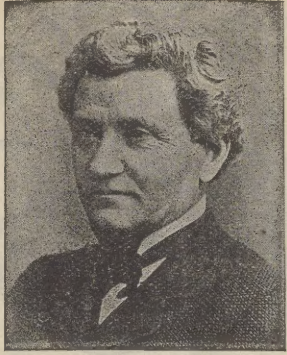
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DEUTZIAS.

The Deutzias are highly ornamental, flowering shrubs, named for Johann Deutz, a botanist of Amsterdam. They comprise several species and varieties, each one of which has some attractive quality peculiar to itself. Nearly all of them are hardy in this latitude, and as they never fail to produce their graceful, delicate blossoms in great profusion every season, they are deservedly popular.

Deutzias are of easy culture and will flourish in almost any well-drained soil, except one which contains a large quantity of lime; in such a soil, they make feeble growth and produce but few flowers. About all the care they require is an occasional pruning to remove old branches. If the old, worn-out wood is removed, strong, new shoots will take its place, and thus a fine display of flowers is obtained every year. The best time to prune Deutzias is just after the flowering season is over. They are best propagated by green wood cuttings taken just after the plant is done flowering, though they can be grown from hard wood cuttings and from seed sown in the spring.

Deutzia gracilis, or slender branched Deutzia, is perhaps more generally cultivated than any other. It is a low-growing species, from eighteen inches to two feet in height. It blooms in May or June, according to locality, bearing clusters of twenty to thirty blossoms at the end of each branch. The flowers are about half an inch in length, pure white, bell-shaped and drooping. The leaves are bright green. The arched branches are literally loaded with blossoms which weigh them almost to the ground. It is one of the prettiest plants for a small garden, as it requires but little space. Grouping a plant of *Deutzia gracilis* with an old-fashioned red Peony produces a very pretty effect. It is a particularly desirable plant for the cemetery and for bordering groups of shrubbery. The blossoms are invaluable for decoration, and the beautiful sprays of buds and flowers are charming for bouquets. It is an excellent plant for winter blooming in pots, and thousands are forced by florists every winter, especially for Easter.

For growing as a house plant, a young shrub should be potted in October or November. Plunge the pot in the garden until after several hard freezes, then put it in a cool cellar for a time, bringing into the heat gradually. The temperature should not exceed fifty degrees for forcing. A plant cannot be forced two years in succession, but by having two lots one can be left in the ground while the other is being forced.

D. gracilis foliis-aureis is a variety with golden leaves. *D. gracilis rosea* is a new and beautiful

rose-colored variety of low-growing habit, like the type.

Deutzia scabra is a strong-growing species with handsome white flowers. It is very free blooming, grows about six feet high and blossoms in June and July. The leaves are grayish-green in color and the under side is covered with stellate hairs which make the foliage rough to the touch and give the specific name to the plant. Stellate hairs are found on the leaves of several species of Deutzias, but they are particularly noticeable on *D. scabra*. They are very beautiful under the microscope.



DEUTZIA LEMOINEI.

D. scabra variety *Watereri* has large double flowers tinged with rose color.

D. crenata closely resembles *D. scabra*, and by some is considered only a variety of the latter. The bush, however, is of more spreading habit and the leaves are not quite so rough. It grows from four to eight feet high, with slender stems, and is a very handsome shrub.

D. crenata flore pleno, a variety with double flowers, is one of the most desirable shrubs in cultivation. It produces in abundance its delicate

white flowers, tinged with pink on the outside of the petals. When seen from a distance the pale pink of the blossoms makes the plant very attractive. The sprays of this variety are fine for cutting, the blossoms lasting longer than the single ones. It does not bloom as early as some other varieties, but remains in blossom a long time, thus lengthening out the flowering season. It is a vigorous grower, apparently hardy in all sections, and will flourish in the shade as well as in the full sunshine. A variety with pure white double flowers is also very fine.

Another variety of *D. crenata*, named *Pride of Rochester*, originated in this city and is a credit to the originators, Messrs. Ellwanger & Barry, and to its native place. It has very large, double white flowers, the back of the petals being slightly tinged with rose. The blossoms are similar to *D. crenata flore pleno*, but are larger and the panicles are longer. It blooms about a week earlier than the last named variety. The *Pride of Rochester* excels other varieties in size of flower, length of panicles, profusion of bloom and vigorous habit of growth, and is a particularly desirable variety.

One of the more recently introduced varieties of Deutzia is *Lemoinei*, and it is a very valuable acquisition. The flowers are pure white with yellow stamens, and open widely. The blossoms are larger and showier than those of *D. gracilis*. The panicles of bloom are large, comprising from twenty to thirty well-opened flowers, and the bush is profusely laden, making a more decorative shrub than *D. gracilis*. The bush is about three feet high with strong upright branches. *D. Lemoinei* does equally well for forcing as *D. gracilis*, and is also a good window plant. It is one of the hardiest species for the open ground.

No collection of flowering shrubs is complete without one or more Deutzias, and any one of those named is sure to add attractiveness to the garden, the lawn or the border of hardy shrubs, and afford pleasure and satisfaction.

Florence Beckwith.

Compensation.

In that new world to which our feet are set,
Shall we find aught to make our hearts forget
Earth's homely joys and her bright hours of bliss?
Has heaven a spell divine enough for this?
For who the pleasure of the spring shall tell,
When on the leafless stalk the brown buds swell,
When the grass brightens and the days grow long,
And little birds break out in rippling song?

Celia Thaxter.



MAY-TIME.

Birds are singing
And a-winging
Thro' the sunshine laden air;
Sweetest time, beyond compare,
Of the whole, glad, festive year;
Mellow notes of hope and cheer
Banish thoughts of pain and care,
While the birds are singing.

Fragrant flowers,
Thro' the hours
Of the sunny month of May,
Carpet all the woodland way;—
Make the earth more fair and sweet
For the young Spring's eager feet,
Ah, but May is glad today;
Wandering 'mongst the flowers.

Bees are humming;
Breezes, coming,
Stir the apple branches; lo,—
Flakes of wonderful white snow
Fall upon the grass below!
Passing slowly to and fro,
Bees are softly humming.

Tender maiden,
Sunshine laden
May, the child most fair and dear
Of the children of the year;
Love and peace are thine, not sorrow,
And we fain from thee would borrow.
We would have thee ever near,
Lovely Springtime maiden.

Written for Vick's Family Magazine By Benjamin B. Keech.

ALYSSUM SAXATILE COMPACTUM.

Alyssum saxatile compactum is a very pretty and satisfactory early-blooming plant, coming into flower about the first of May and remaining in blossom several weeks. The plant is about ten inches high, with grayish green foliage. It is of compact habit, and literally covered with a profusion of golden yellow blossoms. It is a hardy perennial and when grown in a mass is exceedingly effective. No other flower of early spring can rival it in color, unless it be some of the Erysimums, and their sulphur yellow blossoms are too much like mustard to be very attractive, and they are much more transitory than the Alyssum.

The common name of this variety of Alyssum is Gold Dust. It is very suitable for rock-work or the front part of a flower border, as well as for growing in a mass. It makes a charming contrast when planted with the hardy white Iberis, the blue Aubretias or Myosotis.

F. B.

FAIR FLOWERS OF EVENTIDE.

I was much surprised at Mr. E. S. Gilbert saying in the March number of your magazine, that he had not been able to have a single Moonflower bloom before frost killed the vines. I have always been able to have some of these beautiful blossoms open their great white disks before the fatal frost comes. The evening bloomers are great favorites of mine, and I think I have tried nearly all of them. There are the starry Nicotianas with their sweet perfume; the Evening Primrose whose petals reflect the last golden rays of the setting sun; the quaint, old fashioned Four O'Clock, and timid Matheola or Evening Stock; the Datura Sweet Nightingale, which excuses herself from singing on account of a bad cold in her long throat; and all the Moonflowers, true and false.

I count as false the hardy Ipomœa Pandurata, and blue I. Leari which bloom in the morning. The giant pink hybrid Moonflower has more name



NICOTIANA.

In planting Moonflower seed indoors, it is sufficient to file the sharp end; do not souse them in hot water unless you wish to rot them. Pour the hot water into the dish on which the seed box rests, and set it on the corner of the mantle in the kitchen, no matter if the cook objects. Out of doors choose a sunny location for seeds or plants, for although the Moonflower pretends to dislike the sun, she is really very fond of him.

Snapdragon.

THE GLADIOLUS.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

The Gladiolus is our favorite bulb for summer and early fall bloom. The Gladiolus of today is so different from the old fashioned one as to be almost unrecognizable.

Those of long ago having small, red flowers, where ours of today are robed in all the brilliant colors, the soft colors, and in the striped, spotted, and blotched gowns.

The popular varieties are Gandarensis, Lemoinei, and MOONFLOWER. Childsi Hybrids. The Lemoinei Hybrids are early, very gay colored, and are hardy with protection; but as our winters are very variable it is wisest to lift and store in a frost-proof room, as we do the other varieties.

Today one doesn't have to pay a high price for a fine bulb. Don't think because you see one listed at five cents that it is not a good variety. Some of the finest sorts may be bought for that price. For instance—the fine, old variety, Brenchleyensis, Hesperides, Isaac Buchanan, May, Napoleon III., Mr. Bains, Sulphide, Ceres, Leander, and Conquerant, every one of these may be bought for five cents each, and every one is a gem. I have also found the mixed varieties satisfactory, and they are a little less expensive than the named sorts.

As one often reads, the best effect is produced by massing, but tuck them in any spot wherever you have a chance. They are sure to grow and



than merit; you can only discover it has bloomed by finding the seed pods. The true Moonflowers, I suppose, are the Noctiflora or Noctiphiton and Bona Nox. I think these plants have the advantage over the Daturas as they take up less room; in fact they climb a tree or pole to get out of the way. The Datura wants much space to herself, and the other plants are willing to accord it; for they dislike the odor of her foliage.

give great returns for the care bestowed upon them.

The Gladiolus does the best in a well drained, sunny situation, and requires a good deal of water. Given these few requirements they will grow and blossom and gladden your heart for weeks.

Gladiolus Childsi is one of the newer varieties. These are strong, healthy growers and bloom much earlier than the other varieties. It is impossible to describe their delicate colorings. Every color among other Gladioli is shown and in addition are many grays, blues and blackish, all with beautifully spotted and blotched throats.

The Gladioli are extremely useful, not only as ornaments for our lawns but as cut flowers. The individual flowers will blossom out in the house, and they last for a long time in perfect beauty after being cut.

Ethelyn.

CACTUS DAHLIAS.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

I will acknowledge in the beginning that I am a dahlia crank, for the favorites of our grandmother's day are very dear to me. Although I have grown dahlias quite extensively and owned a very good collection, mostly of the show varieties, I felt that I must own some Cactus Dahlias. They arrived one dismal rainy day in mid April and I eagerly tore open each package to admire the firm, white tubers and dream of the beauties wrapped therein. As I wished them to have a long season, and it was still too early to plant outside, I potted my bulbs, each kind in a separate pot, carefully labeled, and set them behind the stove for a brief siesta. As soon as they started I removed them to the window. I kept them in a coolish room, as I did not want them to grow spindling. Just before Decoration Day I set them in the ground, most of them facing west and sheltered from the east by a neighbor's house. It was a very poor dahlia year; for some unexplained reason dahlias that had ever grown and flourished utterly refused to blossom. My Cactus Dahlias, however, did not disappoint me. July 5th, William Agnew opened his gorgeous red petals, just too late to celebrate our glorious Fourth, but he proved himself a constant friend, blooming until frost came. In form, finish and color, he is unexcelled. A day or two later Henry Patrick, the exquisite white, opened, and truly proved a profuse and continuous bloomer. The blossoms were extremely double and made beautiful centers for cemetery bouquets. Constancy, catalogued as "a rich, reddish orange, shaded bronze," came a little later, and was rather inconstant as to color, being a rich mahogany, reddish brown. The blossoms were very large and double, and much admired. Nymphæ grew beyond all expectations, being six or seven feet tall ere frost came. It was too crowded to do it's best, but it gave me some of its exquisite flowers. Unfortunately, the grasshoppers admired their dainty petals, and so often breakfasted upon them that a perfect one was hard to find. Clifford W Bruton, yellow, and Zulu, dark maroon, were coy, not blossoming, although fine sturdy plants. All of these dahlias made fine, strong clumps of tubers, and if nothing happens I expect a large crop of their lovely blossoms the coming summer.

Charles S. Fisk.



EVENING PRIMROSE.

FRAGRANT LEAVED PLANTS.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)



There are several very desirable plants of this class that are useful in bouquet making. The Rose Geranium is found in almost every collection, however small, as it will grow in nearly every place except in

the dark. A newer sort of the Rose Geranium has variegated leaves and is quite pretty.

The Apple and Nutmeg Geraniums have small pale silvery-green leaves and are very delicately scented.

The Oak and Skeleton varieties have an odor that is liked by some, but considered quite offensive by others. Lavender, thyme and rosemary are also nice and when once established need little care. They should be given a protection of leaves or straw during winter in very severe climates. Cedronella and Southernwood are two others that are seldom grown.

Aloysia citriodora, commonly called Lemon Verbena, is a good plant, and not at all difficult to grow when one understands its habits. It is deciduous and loses its leaves in the autumn just as do our native shrubs. At this period it should be placed in a dry frost proof cellar or under the benches in the green house and the soil merely kept moist. In the spring cut back and repot, water more liberally and set in a warm, partly shaded place. Whenever young plants are wanted, take branches that have begun to harden, leaving a heel of the old stem on each and insert in wet sand; if set in a sunny place and kept moist they seldom fail to grow. The mature plants must have shade as the sun causes the leaves to curl up and drop off.

Ruth Lynch.

HIBISCUS AND HIBISCUS.

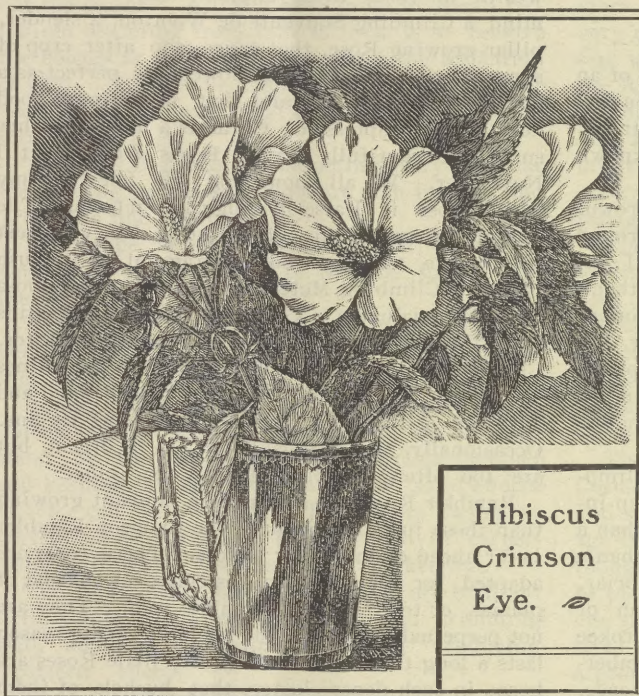
(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

What a difference there may be in the decorative qualities of species belonging to the same genus! Here for instance is the cat's eye, flower of an hour, bladder ketmia, etc., (Hibiscus trionum,) a self sowing and irrepressible annual, a gray, rusty looking plant a foot or two high with small sulphur yellow flowers having a dark brown or blackish eye. The flowers last more than an hour but they soon go, and the bladdery calyces covered with brown lines and opening before long to show the dull black seeds, are much more in evidence. It comes from Europe and our grandmothers, and mothers too, used to cultivate it. There was one point in its favor it was very easy to grow; a garden once producing it is likely to keep on doing so. We ceased to sow its seeds perhaps fifty years ago in these parts, but self-sown plants are still seen. In this respect it was a plant for the million, but no more so than the Hibiscus Crimson Eye, an immortal perennial six feet high with a wealth of gorgeous bloom. From the cat's eye to the Crimson Eye was a long step forward.

The great root sends up a rushing growth of stems having maple-like leaves, both stem and leaf being tinged with red for a while. The stems are of a soft pith-like substance and have no great strength, so a clump may spread pretty widely in the later summer unless something is done to keep them erect. The catalogue says it will flower the first year from the seed, which is a very tough story. Just above each leaf a single bud comes

out and one morning, in the late summer its great white scentless flowers are open, the rich crimson velvet of the throat setting off both the pure white of the petals and the graceful curve of the golden staminal column. These flowers last two days but there is a long succession of them, longer some years than the frost will allow to develop. But last year all bloomed and lots of seed ripened. Side by side with the Crimson Eye bloomed last year its worthy comrade the Marsh Rose mallow, *H. moschutos*. This species (or variety) has no tinge of red on leaf or stem and its flowers are a clear bright pink. Otherwise it is identical with the Crimson Eye. It is a native, liking salt marshes and salt springs, but like the Crimson Eye it bears drought without complaint. Both are noble plants.

The Chinese hibiscus (*H. Rosa sinensis*) grows thirty feet high in its native land—Southeastern Asia. Its flowers are used as a hair dye by the Chinese ladies and the tree is called the shoe black plant in Java from its use for blacking shoes. The petals turn black instantly if broken or bruised. This is a window or greenhouse plant in this country but I think is not very common.



The flowers are single or double, red, purple, pink, yellow, white or variegated, according to the variety.

E. S. Gilbert.

SCARLET SALVIAS.

The Scarlet Salvias are magnificent summer and autumn flowering bedding plants. For masses on the lawn or in the garden, in rows along the walks or as borders to beds, nothing can rival them in brilliancy of bloom. Beginning to flower in the early summer, they continue in blossom until killed by the frost. They produce the finest effect when grown in masses, and show to the best advantage with a background of dark green.

Salvias can be propagated by cuttings and by seeds. The red spider and aphid are apt to trouble those kept over winter, so it is best to procure seed and sow it early in the house, or in a cold frame or hot bed, to have good plants to put out in May, or after danger from frost is over.

The old *Salvia splendens*, or Scarlet Sage, has been for years a favorite where a mass of brilliant color is desired. The calyx of this species is scarlet in color, the same as the corolla, making the flowers all the more conspicuous. If the plants are started early and the bed well managed, a splendid mass of scarlet bloom can be maintained all through the summer, until the frosts come.

A variety of *Salvia* called Clara Bedman (also known as Bonfire) is an improvement on *Salvia splendens*. The plants are more compact, do not grow as tall, and the spikes of bloom are longer. Its brilliant scarlet flowers are gorgeous beyond compare. It is a profuse bloomer, sometimes having two hundred spikes on a plant, each bearing from twenty to thirty flowers. The spikes stand up straight and stiff above the dark green foliage, which makes a most fitting setting. For months the blaze of vivid scarlet is intensely brilliant, making a magnificent display.

Burning Bush (*Salvia splendens gigantea prostrata*) is a lately introduced variety. It is a profuse bloomer, and the spikes of blossoms droop gracefully with the weight of the flowers. The color is a brilliant, dazzling scarlet.

Salvia Silverspot is a variety with spotted leaves and intensely bright scarlet flowers. The leaves are a rich, dark green with cream-colored spots of various sizes scattered over them.

Under our hot summer sun, the scarlet Salvias stand up and glow as if they liked it, and importunately claim the attention of all lovers of flowers and admirers of brilliant displays of color.

F. B.

SPRINGDALE.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Springdale, the home of all my youth,
What tender memories cling to thee!
'Tis here my childhood days were spent,
When life seemed blossoming for me.
The orchard, with its charms for youth,
Has seen me climbing, fearlessly,
And oh! how much I loved to climb
Up in the black heart cherry tree.

What place, in all the verdant fields,
In childhood, did my feet not know?
And how we loved to places find
Where nature's sparkling springs would flow.
And oh! what fun the meadow brook
Has given to our paddling feet.
And how the green trees' leafy shade
Made summer hours so complete.

The woods beyond the grassy fields,
Where we could huckleberries find,
Spring flowers and brightest autumn leaves,
Seemed just to suit my joyous mind,
Springdale, Springdale oh! where again
Can we find such a home as thee?
Though o'er the world our feet may stray,
Sweet memories with thee will be.

'Tis here in happy maidenhood
Such jolly times we often had,
Bright, joyous days and such sweet dreams
Oft came to make our spirits glad.
And must I sometime leave this home
And travel far, perhaps, away
While memory begs so pleadingly,
With this dear, cozy home to stay?

Martha Shepard Lippincott.

FROM THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY.

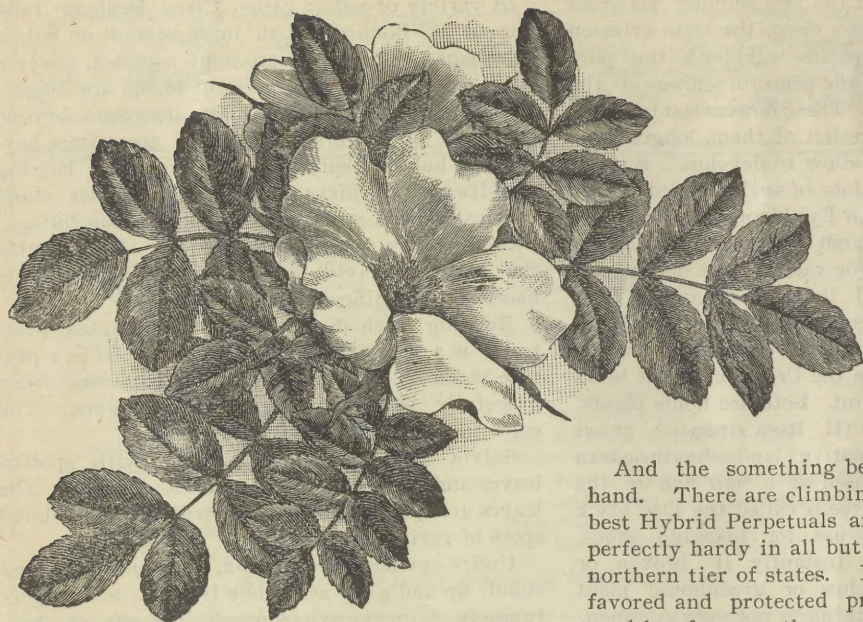
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I wonder how many of my readers have seen the famous Oregon Wild Grape? It is as pretty as holly, with thick evergreen leaves, only its clusters of bitter berries are black like the wild grapes, of the East. Holly and mistletoe also grow here in abundance, and the beautiful "climbing maple," a slender vine-like tree that is indescribably lovely, in its airy grace; and the laurel, that sheds its blossoms, its red berries and its bark, but retains its glossy green leaves throughout the winter. The trunk is a lovely pinkish color, and looks so fresh and bright beside the dark green of cedar and fir, hemlock and pine among which it grows.

Emma B. French.



CHINESE HIBISCUS.



A CHAT ABOUT ROSES.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

"Madam, do you understand the nature of an oath?" I think I do, and as truly as though I were on oath I propose to tell my readers the truth, and nothing but the truth of Roses as I have known them.

The Rose is the most beautiful flower grown. Everyone who owns even a tiny strip of ground ought to have them. If they love Roses as I do, even those who rent their homes would grow them. They can be grown in pots sunken in the ground, or in boxes on the piazza, or at the window. A potted Rose is hard to manage as a window plant, but it is tractable enough in summer. And in winter it can be kept in greenhouse or window, or placed in the cellar to sleep until spring.

Arbitrarily, Roses may be divided into climbing Roses and bush Roses, though some creep instead of climb, some are tiny plants less than a foot in height; while others stand taller than a man. The climbing Roses include Sweet-briar, Hybrid-briar, Banksia, Noisette, Wichurian or Memorial Roses, Prairie, Rambler and Cherokee Roses. The bush sorts are divided into numberless families of June Roses, Damask, Provence, Austrian and Bengal Roses, Moss Roses, Rugosa or Japan Roses, China, Bourbon, Tea, Polyanthus or Fairy Roses, Hybrid Perpetual and Hybrid Tea Roses. Not one of these but what has its individual charm. For large grounds and congenial climates all of these classes can be planted with profit.

How about the ordinary yard tended by the ordinary man or the ordinary woman? I answer: Grow roses of some kind. Grow them if a good-sized door mat would cover your yard; grow Roses if you live in Canada or Florida; grow them if you have to count your dollars twice, and if you have to be your own chore-boy and gardener. It all resolves itself into what you shall choose, and your facilities to care for them.

Every one who owns a home ought to luxuriate in climbing Roses. When something has to be left off we can drop Sweet and Hybrid-Briar Roses, and Memorial and Prairie Roses, the easiest of all. Those living north of Mason and Dixon's line may just as well add the Bankia and Cherokee Roses to the list of 'left-off's' for the winter's cold will kill them any way. Noisette, or climbing Teas, are popular wherever the winters are not too severe. However, it takes careful mulching and good care to carry the most of these through the winter safely, in regions north of the Ohio river. Noisettes have an extremely profuse habit, and bloom quite steadily. In California and the South they never

tire of praising Gloire de Dijon, Chromatella and La Marque, and the rich golden blooms of Marechal Niel are world famous. Old rosarians will try these, and succeed with them also, because they will choose sheltered locations for them, and will give extra protection. But the average flower lover of the central, western and northern states had better spend his money on something else.

And the something better—for us—is right at hand. There are climbing sports from our very best Hybrid Perpetuals and Hybrid Teas, that are perfectly hardy in all but Canada and the extreme northern tier of states. Probably hardy there, if favored and protected pretty well. Oh! what a wealth of roses these climbers bear! I have in mind a Climbing Souvenir de Wootton, a slender, pillar-growing Rose, that gives crop after crop of superbly rich, blackish-red flowers, as perfect as a fine Hybrid Perpetual, and that is saying a good deal. The Empress of China is a mass of rather small but beautifully shaped Roses from May till November. We all know that the finest creamy white Rose is Kaiserin Augusta Victoria. The climbing form of this, Mrs. Robert Peary, is just as wax-like, as large and as fragrant, as its bush parent. Climbing Meteor and Climbing Hermosa are most valuable. Climbing Perle des Jardins and Climbing Niphotos are a bit tender in winter. Climbing Bride, if planted where the sun shines warm upon it, produces summer roses tinged and bordered with pink. Its autumn blooms are fine. Occasionally, these are as lovely as a dream, but are too often of a dull, clouded appearance.

Rambler Roses are much more rampant growing than those just described. The Crimson Rambler is far ahead of the other colors. These roses are adapted for walls, or to festoon over the end of piazzas, or to train to the gable roof. They are not perpetual bloomers, but their flowering season lasts a long time, and their pretty little Roses are borne in such dense clusters that bushels of them could be cut from one large vine, and yet scarcely be missed. The foliage of Rambler Roses is particularly fine.

Now as to Bush Roses. The best of these are the ever blooming ones. Teas, Hybrid Teas and Hybrid Perpetuals find the most admirers. Teas are always in bloom, are deliciously fragrant, and supply us with the only yellow and orange shades among bush sorts. They incline to trail rather than to have an upright habit, and they are none too hardy, though everyone who has ever tried to protect them by banking with earth around their stems in late autumn, and lightly shading their tops with brush or evergreen boughs, has been surprised at the amount of intense cold they will stand without injury.

Hybrid Perpetuals are hardy save in states bordering on Canada, and in British America. Hardy there, doubtless, if protected. They have the advantage of tall, stiff canes, and their flowers are simply superb, of such substance and size, and of such deep and rich colors. Most of them give a few scattered blooms long after the main season of blooming. A few, such as Dinsmore and Madame Chas. Wood, bloom almost as continuously as a Tea itself.

But the cream of the cream of Roses for everybody's garden are the Hybrid Teas. They have all the good qualities, almost no faults. They are

compact, upright growers, always in bloom, hardy as the majority of Hybrid Perpetuals, and have flowers as grand and as beautifully colored.

The most satisfactory way to grow roses is in beds by themselves. There is generally a space between walks and the walls of a building. If the ground is made deep and rich, this strip of land makes an ideal Tea Rose border. In the lee of the building they get needed protection and live over winter, growing stronger and thriftier each year. A long border is particularly fine planted to a variety of Teas, Polyanthas, etc.

Beds on the contrary, look the best planted to one or two sorts of Roses only. One of my two pet beds has American Beauty Roses in the center, and is edged with White Maman Cochet. The other has Madame Chas. Wood in the center, and a border of Kaiserin Augusta Victoria. Only the best Roses will do for beds on the lawn, for they will be noticed and daily culled by your visitors, and only handsome and free-blooming kinds will do themselves justice in such a situation.

Lora S. LaMance.

"Elizabeth and Her (Tub) Garden."

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

All the time we were unpacking and getting settled in the new parsonage I was wondering where I could have my flower garden. There wasn't a spot of ground available around the house, and I couldn't possibly be content with a few jars on a plant stand.

Back of the house there was a little creek with a rustic bridge and on the opposite side a hill, covered with an undergrowth of trees and wild grape vines. Later on, it proved a most effective background for my tub garden. In searching for some sort of a box or keg for my pet Hydrangea I found a lot of kerosene barrels stored in the cellar.

An idea came to me. I had heard of raising cucumbers in barrels, why not grow plants in them? The parson and I talked it over and decided we would try the experiment.

Three were sawed in half and the sides of all perforated with holes three inches in diameter, at irregular intervals. Holes were bored in the bottoms, too. This done, we first put in a layer of small stones, then some straw and on these pieces of sod to prevent the soil from choking the drainage.

We placed the first lot of plants in the lower holes, filling in with soil until we reached the next row. If the aperture was too large, we blocked it with a little piece of sod. When the barrels were about half full, we placed a four-inch drain pipe in the center, filling in with soil around it. One barrel was used for different varieties of coleus. It was a beautiful sight later on.

We arranged the half barrels between the taller ones, and they were filled with plants of tall growth with trailing vines in the holes on the sides.

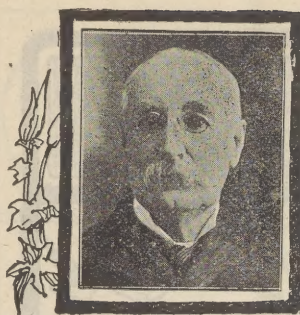
As the barrels were placed along the bank of the creek under the hill, we could easily water them and that was really all the care they needed. How they did grow! The parson was so proud of our success that all his friends, even the Presiding Elder, had to inspect "Elizabeth's tub garden," and I—well, I'm so enthusiastic that I shall hunt for more tubs next summer.

Elizabeth Steadman.

VIOLETS.



WINDS wander and dews drip earthward;
Rains fall, suns rise and set;
Earth whirls, and all but to prosper
A poor little violet. Lowell.



FLOWER GOSSIP

By Eben E. Rexford.

FOR GARDEN AND LAWN.

Be sure to have plenty of Mignonette. You want so much of it that you feel safe in cutting freely. It is one of the most useful flowers we have for cutting.

The Variegated Hop is a charming plant for covering screens or verandas. Its leaves are quite as beautiful as many flowers are. This reminds me to say that the old Hop of our gardens is one of the best vines for covering large surfaces, because it grows so rapidly and luxuriantly. It isn't a pleasing plant to handle without gloves, but it is pleasing to look at.

If you have a tiny lawn, don't spoil it by making it look as if it had an eruptive disease, as it will if you scatter flower beds all over it. Have these along on one side of it, but leave a solid space of green between the house and the street.

If you want a grand show, plant half a dozen Hydrangeas, the hardy kind, in a group. A dozen will give greater pleasure if your lawn is large enough to allow it. Planted in a mass, the effect is exceedingly fine when the plants are in flower. One does not understand the decorative possibilities of this plant by seeing specimens planted singly. If possible, plant so that the group will have a background of evergreens.

Of course you will have Hollyhocks. Every amateur florist will, if he is wise. Like the Hydrangea, the Hollyhock is most effective when grouped. I would never advise planting it singly. It is a good plan to sow a paper of Hollyhock seed each summer. By doing this you will have a fresh lot of young plants for each season's flowering, and it is from the young plants that you must expect your finest flowers.

If I were asked to name the best general purpose hardy border plant, I would select the Perennial Phlox. It gives an almost solid mass of color, blooms for many weeks, and its carmines, reds and purples are exceedingly rich in tone. And it is so very easy to take care of. Give it a good rich soil, keep the grass and weeds away from it, and that is all you need do for it.

All things considered, the Gladiolus is the best of all the summer-flowering bulbs. It is a flower anybody can grow, and it is lovely enough to satisfy the most exacting. You can have it in the most delicate colors, if your taste runs in that direction, and you can have it in colors of extreme brilliancy if such are your preference. It is something you can depend on to do well if you give it half a chance, but the better you care for it the better it will do, and it pays to give it liberal treatment. It likes a soil that is light, mellow and rich. Any soil in which corn will grow suits it, and it likes to be planted in the open ground about the time corn is planted. That is early enough. If you have bulbs enough to warrant you in doing so, hold back some for planting about two weeks later. By making successive plantings you can prolong the season for a month or more, thus securing fully two months' display of beauty from this charming flower. I prefer to plant the bulbs in clumps or masses; in this way a much better effect is secured.

BEDDING PLANTS.

Where striking and peculiar effects are desired, it has become customary to make use of what florists term bedding plants in summer gardening. The term is used to designate such kinds of greenhouse plants as bloom well when planted out in beds, or have striking foliage whose colors take the place of flowers.

The Geranium stands at the head of the list. No other "bedder" gives such a brilliant show of color, or keeps up such constant bloom throughout the season. All you have to do to keep a Geranium blooming from June to frost is to remove the flowers as they fade and prevent the formation of seed. The double kinds are most popular for bedding, as the flowers last longer and give a more solid color effect.

Tuberous Begonias are becoming very popular for bedding purposes. They are rich in color and produce a fine effect.

Heliotrope is an excellent bedder, flowering very freely in rich soil. It will be found very useful to cut from.

The Verbena is one of the best of all bedders, being a very free and constant bloomer, and having intensely rich and beautiful colors.

Among foliage plants, the most popular is the Coleus. Very striking results can be brought about by its use. By planting it close together and keeping the plants cut in closely, solid effects of color can be obtained. The colors being so varied and so distinct, it is much used in carpet-bedding in which a set pattern is worked out.

The Achyranthes and Alternanthera are brilliant little plants which bear cutting in and trimming well, and are therefore used in producing "pattern" effects.

The Centaurea has a soft gray leaf which contrasts well with the Coleus, and is used in connection with it. Golden Feverfew is also used extensively for bedding purposes.

All the plants named, except Achyranthes and Alternanthera should be set one foot apart. These should be six inches apart. Rapid growers must

be trimmed frequently to keep them from getting the start of such kinds as are of slower growth, in order to produce satisfactory results. In carpet-bedding you want a smooth, even surface in which all the colors have a chance to equally display themselves.

In putting out plants, choose a cloudy day, if possible; water them well and shade for a day or two.

TROPICAL EFFECTS.

One of the best plants for producing a strong tropical effect on the lawn, or in the garden, is the Ricinus. It can be grown from seed. It has immense palmate foliage of a rich green, shaded with red, with a metallic luster when looked at in the sun. It grows to be eight or nine feet high, branching freely. It is excellent for the center of a circular bed.

Another plant with large and striking foliage is Caladium esculentum. It has leaves two feet or more across and four in length when grown in very rich soil, each leaf being produced on a stalk sent up from the tuber. Fine for grouping about the Ricinus.

The Canna is a noble plant, with large rich foliage ranging through various shades of green and bronzy-red. Some varieties are tall growers while others are quite dwarf. In addition to its fine foliage it bears very brilliant flowers.

The Musa ensete, or Banana plant, has very large leaves and is excellent for the center of a circular bed.

There are many plants such as Palms, Pandanus or Screw Pine, Ficus and others of similar habit which can be put out of doors in summer with advantage to the plants. These can be used in helping to produce tropical effects.

The Striped Maize—a variegated variety of Corn—can be used with excellent results if several stalks are allowed to grow together. Its foliage is very much like the old "Ribbon Grass," though of course on a much larger scale. It should be planted in "hills," like the common Corn, one stalk not being sufficient to bring out the desired effect. As a plant to be used in the center of a group it is very desirable.

Beginning with our June issue, Mr. Benjamin B. Keech, who has contributed many articles for Vick's in the past, will conduct the department heretofore conducted by Eben E. Rexford. Mr. Keech is an excellent authority on all matters pertaining to flowers and their culture, and will conduct a department which will surely prove both interesting and profitable to our readers.


THE LILACS.

If there's anything that's sweeter,
If there's anything that's neater,
If there's anything completer
Than the lilacs, in the spring,
Oh, I pray you let me know it,
I will make great haste to grow it
And to every one will show it
And its praises loudly sing.

Written for Vick's Family Magazine By Benjamin B. Keech.

There's not another flower
That can charm you by the hour;
There's a sweet and subtle power
That the good old lilacs bring;—
Vanished forms and vanished faces
Take their dear, accustomed places,
All because of witching graces
Of the lilacs, in the spring.





A Story of the Springs

By
CHARLES H. BALL

Two young men were walking apart along the road that led to the summit of a West Virginia mountain. One of them was a roughly dressed mountaineer, who moved forward with a slouching gait, and carried over his shoulder a hoe. The hour was early and he was on his way to his day's employment. The other young man, who was dressed in well-fitting knickerbockers, carried in his hand a camera. Pleasure, rather than work, was his program for the day. The mountaineer was Ezra Owens, the man with the camera was Paul Burnham of New York, and not unknown at Newport, good looking, and with sufficient money to make him an object of interest almost anywhere. Just now, with his mother and a party of young people, he was a guest at the Springs Hotel, a summer loitering place popular with many Northerners.

While tramping about the country with his camera, Burnham had seen the possibilities afforded by the mountain top for amateur photography. He had become conscious, too, that the young woman who lived with her mother in the little cottage at the mountain summit was both good looking and intelligent.

A touch of romance marked his first meeting with this girl. One afternoon he had been a member of a coaching party, and she had stood in her doorway gazing down upon the valley, as the coach drew near. When the driver checked the horses the girl was but a few feet away, and, acting upon sudden impulse, Burnham had thrown toward her a rose from his button hole, anticipating that she would drop a simple, native courtesy and pick up the flower with a blush and a smile. When he looked back he saw that she still stood motionless and that the rose lay where it had fallen. He wondered whether she had picked it up later, but he did not refer to the incident when he made her acquaintance formally a few days afterwards. He found her name to be Martha Dawson, but he learned little concerning her except that she was poor, that her father was dead, and that she taught several months each year.

Burnham walked more briskly than Ezra Owens and overtook him part way up the ascent.

"Good morning," was the New Yorker's greeting, "in for a day's work?"

"Yes," Ezra replied, and, catching sight of the strange object in Burnham's hand, he asked inquisitively, "What ye got in the box?"

"Oh, this is my camera. I am going to take some pictures from the top of the mountain."

He checked an inclination to laugh, and explained the mysteries of the camera. Ezra seemed much impressed.

They went together to the Dawson cottage and were welcomed by the mother and daughter. No formality marked their greeting to Ezra. His coming had been anticipated, for he assisted frequently in the garden work, and as a life long friend of the family and an undemonstrative admirer of the daughter, he was almost a daily visitor. While the attention of Miss Dawson was given to Burnham's talk of photography and of the views he had taken in this country and abroad,

Ezra sat glum and uncomfortable. Finally Burnham proposed taking a group photograph, with the house in the background.

"Oh, we should be so pleased to have you," said Miss Dawson eagerly, "and Ezra must be in the picture, too."

She had seen the look of dejection upon his face, and feared a scene.

"I ain't got no time," protested Ezra, starting up, and looking suspiciously at the camera, "I've got a lot of work to do."

"Some folks has work to do," he muttered, as he shouldered his hoe and walked rapidly toward the garden.

"A regular Man with the Hoe," thought Burnham.

The picture was taken and Burnham promised to bring a completed photograph within a few days. He strolled away soon and took several other views. On returning, he found only Mrs. Dawson.

"Ezra's a little out of sorts today, I guess," said she.

"I'm sorry to hear that," Burnham replied indifferently. He was unaware that Ezra's gruff behavior was prompted by jealousy. He would have been surprised to learn, as was the fact, that Ezra had taken the two women to task for permitting a stranger to take their photographs in order that he might furnish a new source of amusement for the guests at the Springs Hotel.

Ezra's garden work was listlessly performed that day. Now and then he dug into the ground savagely, but more often he stood leaning on his hoe.

As Burnham walked down the steep road and crossed the valley toward the hotel, he congratulated himself that his vacation was being spent in such a favored region, with its bracing air, its rugged scenery, and its charming type of femininity at the top of the mountain. The girl's unaffected manner, her slow, easy, Southern speech had made a pleasing impression. "She is a sweet, unsophisticated creature," he mused, "a Maud Muller transplanted to Southern soil. Does she, too, pine for silks and satins, I wonder? That fellow Ezra is not good enough for her, that's certain."

When Burnham brought the finished picture, Miss Dawson and her mother received him graciously. Reflection had led them to conclude that Ezra's suspicions were unfounded.

"I suppose you are familiar with the neighborhood scenery, Miss Dawson?" Burnham inquired.

"Oh, yes, I have always lived here, you know."

"You must tell me where to get some more views. I want to take some souvenirs with me when I leave, something to remind me of this pleasant vacation."

"We are very proud of our scenery, but of course it must seem tame to you. New Yorkers go everywhere and see everything."

"Nevertheless, we are always seeing new places and new faces that interest us," he rejoined, while his eyes were fixed upon her admiringly.

She bent her head over the photograph, and he thought there was added color in her features.

But she looked up quickly to say:

"I'm so sorry Ezra is not in the picture."

"It is too bad," he replied, though in his heart he was pleased. To go away without possessing Ezra's portrait would be no hardship.

"You haven't told me where to get some more pictures," he persisted.

You've seen Niagara and the Yosemite, but perhaps you haven't seen our own Big Falls," she answered smiling.

"No, that's a pleasure still in store. Are they far away? And isn't there some ghost story or other about them?"

"You haven't used the right term, I fear. We call it a legend—the legend of the White Dove. That surely sounds more poetic than ghost story."

Of course you have heard this legend half a dozen times, and even if you haven't you wouldn't care to hear it. I am sure you don't care for legends."

"Oh, yes I do. I dote on legends. I shall be disappointed if you don't tell the story."

"Your disappointment would cause me great grief. But, in the first place, you must promise not to laugh, not even to look skeptical. When I have finished you may make any comment you please; you may, if conscience demands, say you disbelieve the story. Do you solemnly promise?"

"I do," he answered, with becoming gravity. "If I should interrupt you by unseemly merriment may this huge boulder roll upon and crush me. Far be it from me to throw a shadow of doubt on any story in which you believe."

"I didn't say I believed it," she replied.

He seated himself at the side of a large rock, and she sat a short distance from him. She gazed from time to time at the valley and the river that crossed it far in the distance, but his eyes were intent upon her face.

"Many years ago, before the days of the white man—"

She hesitated a moment to ask:

"Is that an approved form of introduction to a story?"

"It couldn't be improved upon, I am sure," he answered.

"Thank you. Well, many years ago a certain tribe of Indians, brave warriors and mighty hunters, inhabited all this region. Over them was a great chief, whose name doesn't matter. But he was a very stern man, possibly a cruel one. He had a beautiful daughter, the White Dove, who had many admirers. One of them was Ahwanda, strong as an ox, very manly and handsome. Another was Ilgowawa, wonderful hunter, who could shoot arrows from a bow that no other man, save Ahwanda, could bend. The great chief favored Ilgowawa as a suitor and wished him to become chief some day. Now, the White Dove had a great deal of spirit and rebelled at dictation. She chose Ahwanda.

"The old chief refused to consent to his daughter's marriage to Ahwanda, and the young people planned to elope. Ilgowawa heard of this, and upon the night of the elopement concealed himself

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THE MOTHER'S MEETING

By Victoria Wellman.

"God could not be everywhere—so He made Mothers."

"Whene'er a noble deed is wrought,
Whene'er is spoke a noble thought,
Our hearts in glad surprise,
To higher levels rise

The tidal wave of deeper souls
Into our inmost being rolls,
And lifts us unawares
Out of all meaner cares.

Honor to those whose words or deeds
Thus help us in our daily needs,
And by their overflow
Raise us from what is low."

A Mother's Duty to Herself.

Too many women are anxiously seeking new duties to others, ranging from the home circle to China, and are goaded to exhaustion by a morbidly active conscience which suggests unfulfilled promises and obligations, but are incredulous concerning any duty pertaining to themselves. Such women will pass all this lovely spring-tide in a succession of soapy wars on dirt, endless tucks and flounces for the children, many duties imposed by church or society; but never, save as a martyr, steal off in a luckily appropriate old gown with her own, or mayhap a few additional neighborhood children, for a "jolly tramp," and laugh gladly over catches for aquariums or discoveries in bird's nests or flowers.

How can a mother worn to irritability by overmuch pressure find time to relax thus? Well, she may by "sighting" in some other line. Really and truly, which would do the entire family the most good—to see you flushed or pale from a hard day of sewing and general housework, serve either in silence or in forced good humor (or crossly) a first-class dinner which all eat with appreciation but without any stimulating talk (unless father complains of the weather, etc.) while you wonder how you ever can do all those dishes and finish Carrie's new dress tonight, or for you and the children to have an hour or so right after school and come back to help on "a pretty good meal," and laugh over the boys' awkwardness in aprons, and squeal over the actions of the polywogs and crabs as enthusiastically as any of the children; and at supper table get father interested in wonderful gardening projects or queer facts about nature? Then end the day with a song together in the evening as you stroll out to breathe the perfumed breeze under the apple trees, and feel thankful for all spring's joys—and that no one but you knows the ironing is not all done and kitchen floor needs scrubbing!

In after years, which will the family remember lovingly—the fretted mother or the good comrade? They may respect the former but will love the latter.

The Young Mother.

Whether to envy or pity her who fondly (and fearfully) cares for one small babe is a matter for reflection. It depends! If the baby is very patient and owns a first-class constitution, doubtless in time he will be rewarded seeing his mother learn to do things reasonably and not because of "they say." This once honored rule is nearly extinct. Modern women try to learn both "why and how."

Ordinary babies in ordinary circumstances really do not much alter domestic plans except that they consume time and render the mother more or less a stay-at-home. Babies have few actual needs outside of daily bath and enough food and sleep. Their real need often is to have less fussing, less excitement and more regular hours.

Of course, bottle-fed babies cause more care and expense. There is only one brand of food adapted to every baby's needs and when dire necessity orders a substitute there are actual dangers to consider. Still, babies thrive on bottle food; but let the young mother set herself guard over the bottle, rubber nipples, and saucers which are used. Let her use abundant supplies of borax and buy those bottles (two or more at a time) which have the number of ounces blown into the sides. Of nipples, have several and wash them carefully letting them stand between-whiles in borax water. Always fill bottles full of borax water after each meal and—never save food which may be left in the bottle. In warm weather it is only safe to prepare a morning and an evening mess of food. Never let baby go to sleep with his bottle; he may rouse hours later and take the soured food which was spoiled by the heat of his body. Children have died in one hour after such an accident; killed by carelessness.

Short Hints for Mothers.

To cure a child of stuffing beans, flowers, buttons, and stones into nose, use small glass syringe and warm water. It both removes object and subdues child, as whipping seldom does. For ear-stuffing tie the hands for long periods.

Cross-eyes are curable. Mothers should have them attended to while child is young.

Single cots or beds are well nigh a necessity for health, especially for children, and in summer.

Overdressing is an ill of summer, causing quite obstinate colds, etc.

Prickly heat sorely torments some children. Suspect certain diseases or tendencies when this obstinately lingers. For such little sufferers no garment is more grateful than one made of the famous Deimel linen-mesh fabric, which can be bought by the yard in most reliable dry goods houses.

The Mother as a Nurse.

Since smallpox is stalking about quite commonly, the topic of vaccination becomes popular. Beware of using scabs from arms of others, even of babes. So much blood poisoning thus arises. It seems to be doubly important to have good blood this spring as a mere preventive. Homeopathic treatment is on this line also. If I should mention here an old friend of the reader's, it would be but proper, for to Hood's Sarsaparilla are traced so many real cures that to discuss treatment for blood in the spring always causes

us to remember that well known remedy.

For prickly heat, a constitutional cure for the blood is first needed. To relieve, use soda baths and witch hazel lotion; also plenty of talcum powder. Avoid soaps.

Many fevers arise in the spring, especially when drainage is poor. Children should always be taken in hand at the start. Put on low diet, examine the throat, regulate the bowels. For all-round home preventive use, the homeopathic aconite is a tried and true friend. Failing this, use sage tea and mustard footbaths. In disease as in sewing—a help in time saves nine.

Wisdom oft times is nearer when we stoop
Than when we soar. Wordsworth.

All common things, each day's events,
That with the hour begin and end,
Our pleasure and our discontents,
Are rounds by which we may ascend. Longfellow.

WHAT A SAMPLE BOTTLE OF SWAMP-ROOT DID

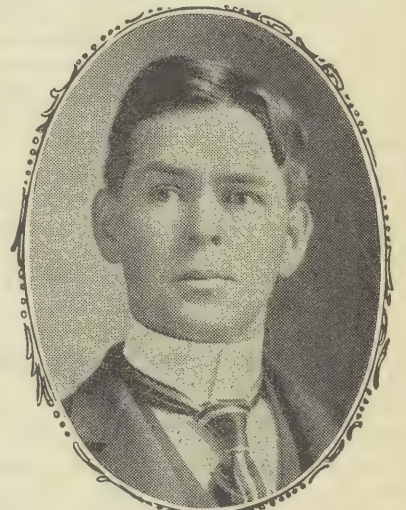
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The Planting of the Apple Tree.

Come let us plant the apple tree,
Cleave the tough green sward with the spade;
Wide let its hollow bed be made;
There gently lay the roots, and then
Sift the dark mould with kindly care,
And press it o'er them tenderly,
As, round the sleeping infant's feet,
We softly fold the cradle-sheet;
So plant we the apple tree.

What plant we in this apple tree?
Buds, which the breath of summer days
Shall lengthen into leafy sprays;
Boughs where the thrush, with crimson breast,
Shall haunt and sing and hide her nest;
We plant, upon the sunny lea,
A shadow for the noontide hour,
A shelter from the summer shower,
When we plant the apple tree.

W. C. Bryant.

As April is the promise of spring, May is the fulfillment of that promise, and with the song sparrow singing from every other bush, the long hard winter is forgotten. In pursuance of the idea that it is of benefit to the mind as well as the body to change the diet as much as possible with the coming of the mild weather, we give a few hints as to changes which may be easily effected.

In the first place we always drop the cereal for a month or two, even the children seem glad to be done with it for a time, and if it is possible substitute fruit for it. Oranges are very cheap these days, apples are not out of reach, and even bananas are not to be despised though personally we consider them very heavy eating for children. Hominy is a good substitute for the cereal and can be added to the main breakfast, going well with all meats and proving an agreeable change. Served hot, and well salted it is best with butter stirred into it rapidly with a fork, a Southern fashion. Some people like it with milk and sugar, and others served cold in neat slices. If used in the latter fashion cream and sugar are nice with it, or syrup. Hominy is almost as valuable a vegetable as rice, a single grain need not be wasted. The cold material is delicious fried, and when in too small bits for using that way it can be stirred into almost any kind of breakfast cake. An old Southern cook gave us a receipt for a hominy cake called "Friars" which is particularly good: Mix together a pint of milk and a pint of flour, two tablespoonfuls of cold boiled hominy, three eggs and a teaspoonful of salt. These ingredients should be thoroughly beaten together, and then dropped with a spoon in boiling lard and fried brown. Each spoonful makes a delicious fritter and may be eaten plain or with syrup or sugar.

Hominy Bread as it is called, is another way of cooking it. Take a cupful of hominy and boil it soft. Add a tablespoonful of butter, a pint of milk and four eggs; thicken with a little flour and bake in a dish. With eggs abundant, fresh and reasonable in price, the supply of meat can be materially reduced, and for our benefit too. It is said, and we do not doubt the truth of the statement, that we Americans eat too much meat, and that this is one cause of our superfluity of nerves. Fish is a valuable substitute, but in interior cities and towns almost impossible to get fresh, and nothing can be poorer than stale fish. There is, however, always within reach the useful salt cod, and daintily dressed it is a nice dish, though too often it is rushed together anyway and is correspondingly poor.

Creamed Codfish, in New England style, is a dish which holds its own anywhere, and the following is a good long tested receipt: Take a piece of fat codfish as big as your two hands, and let it soak all night in water. Shred it, wash once or twice in fresh water, then with a pint of sweet cream and half a pint of milk let it come nearly to the boiling point. Beat an egg, a tablespoonful of flour, and two tablespoonfuls of milk together, add to the fish and stir constantly till it is thoroughly cooked. Have some pieces of toast laid on a hot dish, and just before you pour the fish over them stir in quickly a good generous tablespoonful of butter; in this way your fish will not be "oily." Most cooks will not take the pains to prepare this simple dish in this way, but it pays.

So too with the preparation of this same cod for fishballs. The fish needs to be soaked all night, shredded with a fork in the morning, mixed with fresh boiled potatoes which have been rubbed through a sieve, two well beaten eggs, some butter, a little hot milk and some pepper. Then if you drop them into hot fat and fry a golden brown, you will never recognize them as the same article which you commonly fried in a spider. Make them small, when you mold them for frying, not larger than a big English walnut, this prevents there being too much inside. We feel like the little boy who begged to have his doughnuts "all outside." Raised biscuits are almost always made with too much "crumb;" it is this which has given

them a reputation for being indigestible.

In Connecticut they make a very nice breakfast cake which goes by the name of "Dabs." A pint of cornmeal is thoroughly scalded with boiling water. You then rub into it a small lump of butter, two eggs beaten very light, a good tablespoonful of cream or milk and a little salt. Drop spoonfuls of this mixture into a buttered pan and bake in a moderate oven.

But while we are constantly considering ways and means of tickling the appetite there is one factor towards good digestion which we are very prone to neglect. This is behavior at the table, and this time we are pointing directly at the grownups and not at the children. Too often the man of the house brings with him business worries and cares and sits silent and preoccupied at the head of the table. The children are kept in a tumultuous silence because the head of the house frowns when they speak, and "mother," the mainstay and backbone of the family, is tired. This is all wrong. The three gatherings daily at the table should be made cheerful, if not positively gay. The children should be allowed to talk—in moderation—and encouraged to express their ideas. Father and mother should lay aside harassments for their own sakes as well as for the children, and the habit of being cheerful three times a day, under all circumstances, will have its effect even on a sullen temper.

Books and newspapers should never be brought to the table. Besides being directly unsocial, it induces not only bad manners but bad habits, leading one to bolt his food in a very injurious manner.

Much time is spent in teaching children good "table manners." They are drilled in the proper way to hold forks, and spoons and how to manage knives and napkins. Too often, though, the crowning grace, a cheerful face, is neglected, and sitting at the table is regarded as a penance to be hurried through as soon as possible. Instead of this the daily gatherings at meals should be the happiest hours of the day.

Somebody asked us the other day for a "new way" to do eggs. We give the following receipt which is recommended as a luncheon dish:

Hard boil half a dozen eggs. Take off the shells, and cut them in quarters. Take two good sized onions, slice them thin, and put them in a saucepan with a heaping tablespoonful of butter. Cover them and let them cook slowly, but not brown. This will take about ten minutes, then add a saltspoonful of salt, a little pepper and a tablespoonful of flour. Stir gently till the flour is cooked, then add slowly a cupful of hot milk, stirring till the ingredients are well blended, and the sauce is smooth and thick. Add the eggs, and let them simmer in the sauce for about ten minutes. Just before you remove from the fire, stir in a couple of tablespoonfuls of chopped parsley, and serve on slices of hot buttered toast.

Some cooks have the knack of "tossing together," their ingredients and producing successful results. With most of us these results are only obtained with infinite care. A correspondent wrote us the other day that it made him absolutely shiver to think of all the good food spoiled by bad cooking."

We believe in following Marion Harland's advice to young cooks. When you spoil a dish get rid of it. Never let it be seen, much less tasted. But our correspondent is a "born cook" even if he is a mere man, and his reputation for preparing the delicacies of this earth is not confined to his domestic hearth.

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THE BRIGHT EYED CIRCLE

Conducted by
STELLA M. ALDERSON

"Kind wishes and good deeds—they make not poor; They'll home again, full laden, to thy door."

The Play Circus.

Donald and Dorothy were spending the summer in the country visiting their grandparents. They had seen so many things that were new and interesting to them that they had never once thought of wanting to go home until one day a letter came from brother Tom telling them about a circus which papa had taken him to see a few days before. They were sitting under a tree in grandpa's big yard when mamma read the letter to them; when she came to the part that told about the lions and tigers and camels, the clown that walked the tight rope, and the man who swung from one trapeze to another, two big tears filled Donald's eyes. He tried to be brave though he felt so much like crying. He felt sure that seeing a circus was ever so much more fun than staying in the country.

"Can't we go home tomorrow, mamma, and see the lions and tigers too," he pleaded.

"No," answered mamma, "I fear not, for papa and Tom will be here in a few days, you know, and we must be here to meet them."

Dorothy said nothing, but she sat nibbling a blade of grass and looking thoughtful. Suddenly her face brightened. "S-sh," she whispered, as mamma rose and started for the house, "I've thought of something that'll be just more fun!"

"What?" asked Donald, sitting up and looking interested in spite of himself.

"Let's have a play circus," continued Dorothy, "and surprise everybody. We can make some camels and elephants and tigers and you can stand on your head and turn somersaults. Cousin Mary will help us, I know."

Donald laughed. How could they make elephants and camels, even play ones? But Dorothy said she would tell him as soon as they could find a good place for the circus. So they called cousin Mary from the house, and after telling her their secret, all three started for the orchard. Cousin Mary was much older than the children but was always ready to join them in their play, and they thought her the best cousin in the world. They were gone a long time and when they returned their merry eyes told mamma that they were planning something.

"It is a surprise for you, so we can't tell yet," said Donald.

"Yes," said cousin Mary, "but you will know before long." Then she went to her room and was busy with pencil and paper until dinner time. The next morning at the breakfast table, there was a folded paper found

under each plate. They were quickly opened and this is what each person read:

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Tuesday afternoon found everybody

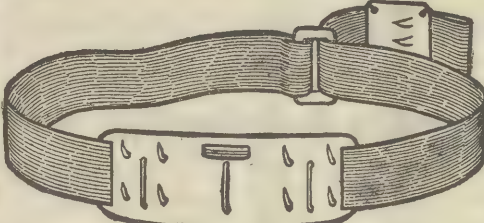
ready early, for, said Aunt Mildred, "We must not be late or we may not find seats."

The sound of Donald's toy drum and of Cousin Leo's tin horn guided them to the middle of the orchard where they found chairs arranged under a tree, near a large ring. Hanging over the ring from another tree, was a trapeze, while a long pole and a

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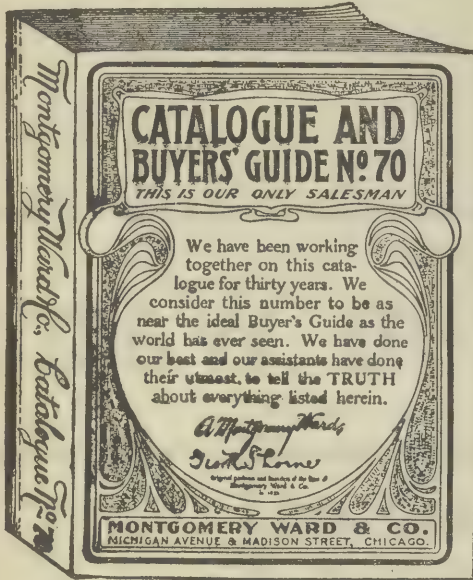


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The Bright-Eyed Circle. (Continued)

rope stretched from one tree to another across the other side of the ring. Not far away was a tent made of shawls and blankets, and newspapers, and Dorothy stood outside, shouting at the top of her voice: "This way to see the wild animals from Africa!!" "Come on, everyone!" said uncle John, "We must see these ferocious beasts."

Aunt Mildred and Uncle John pretended to be very much afraid, but when Dorothy assured them that the animals were all chained they decided to follow papa who had gone boldly in. "What do you suppose they have in here?" whispered mamma. Just then they were greeted with a shout of laughter from papa. They followed and in another minute there surely never was a merrier crowd at a circus. Dear old grandpa and grandma laughed until tears rolled down their cheeks. Everyone laughed heartily and this is what they saw:

In a big old bird cage in the corner lay Tom, grandma's striped cat. Printed on a card over the cage were these words: "The Man-Eating Tiger." Tied by one leg to a stake was a long-legged young rooster, whose coat was mostly of skin, for he had few feathers. "This," exclaimed cousin Mary, "is our tame baby ostrich from California." Ben, the Newfoundland dog, had been sheared till he looked quite like a lion. Nig, the black rat terrier, had white stripes around to make him look like a zebra. A spotted cat was the leopard; a black one was a terrible panther. A toy elephant stood near the door, and the garden hose coiled in the middle of the tent was the boa-constrictor, of which Mary had warned them to specially beware.

Suddenly the rooster forgot that he was an ostrich, and crowed. This roused the tiger, the leopard, and the panther. Then the lion and the zebra barked and wagged their tails, and

everyone laughed so that Mary said she feared the animals did not like to live in a tent, so the crowd must all find chairs near the ring while she sent the animals home to their native land. Donald beat his drum again and out came Cousin Leo dressed like a clown, and sitting in a little express cart drawn by the lion. He rode around the ring three times bowing and making funny faces. Then he turned somersaults and stood on his head. Donald walked the tight rope, swung on the trapeze, and leaped from the trapeze to the pole. Then Dorothy sang a song and cousin Mary announced that the show was over.

Uncle clapped his hands and everyone else did he same. Mamma kissed the clown and got flour all over her face; and all declared it the very funniest circus they had ever seen; but grandma said she thought it worth more than a penny, and she knew the children must be tired and hungry; so she told them to come to the house

as soon as they were ready, and she would give them cookies and glasses of milk. Do you think it took them long to get ready? And what do you think they found when they reached the back porch? The tiger, the leopard, and the panther drinking milk from a saucer as quietly as any three cats you ever saw. *From Child Garden.*

A town in Connecticut is proposing to cut down expenses by barring all pupils over sixteen from the public schools. It is a singular fact that whenever any municipal economy is necessary the first point of attack is always the schools, the vital point of the community.

Baltimore American.

New Doctrine.

"That's good counsel the new preacher gave us," said the deacon. "Which is?"

"Love yer neighbor while he sleeps, but watch him while he wakes."

Atlanta Constitution.



FRUIT NOTES

BY PROF. H. E. VAN DEMAN.

TRANSPLANTING NOTES.

In setting strawberry plants be sure that their roots are straightened out and not doubled up, and that the earth is packed tightly against them. I always found they were improved by cropping off the ends of the roots about one-third, when they were very long, and setting them straight down. A spade is often a good implement to use for setting strawberry plants, and serves a better purpose than a garden trowel, unless the plants are small.

In setting peach trees always prune off every side branch and cut the main stem back to about two feet. Peach trees seem to need much more severe pruning than almost any other kind, not only when at bearing age but at the start. They do not start into growth as readily as some others, but sustain a greater shock by transplanting. Cutting off the main portion of the tops at that time checks evaporation and enables the roots to keep up the supply needed more easily than with all the branches remaining. If anyone has peach trees standing in this condition that have just been set, do not delay an hour but cut them back at once. It will make a great difference in their growth.

Prune apple and pear trees very moderately at setting. Do not cut out the centers, no matter where the orchard maybe. This makes trees with forks or with their main branches coming out all at one place. It will result in some cases in splitting and nearly always in ill-shaped old trees. Try to have a central stem with the branches coming out at intervals all along and on all sides. This will form a well balanced tree; one that will stand up well; that will not have the weight of the heavy load of fruit that is hoped for, bearing on one place; nor will it be so liable to be ruined or injured by sleet storms.

After trees and plants of any kind, are set do not think your duty to them done for a long time to come; your responsibility has just begun. The soil should be kept moist and loose by almost immediate surface tillage, provided it is well stirred deeply at the start, and this should be continued throughout the entire growing season. It is more important the first year than for several years thereafter: because the roots have been greatly shortened by transplanting and they must re-establish themselves in the soil, and the whole structure above and below ground is making an effort to fortify itself for the coming years of trial and productiveness. We must give the tree a good chance if we may reasonably expect it to reward us in the future.

WHAT CROPS TO GROW IN ORCHARDS.

Whether orchards are old or young the question constantly comes up: What shall we grow in them? It is a vital question, too, for it has much to do with the future as well as the present. It is right to expect some profitable returns from the ground between newly set trees; but, if they were set at proper distances, it is not reasonable or necessary for the soil of a bearing orchard to do more than produce a good fruit crop. That is, or ought to be, the sole and legitimate crop. Hay and small

grain crops are especially bad, and should never be grown in any kind of orchard of any age.

Something that will need thorough tillage is the proper crop, and if it is a root crop or one that does not grow tall it is the better. Potatoes, melons, squashes, tomatoes, peas, beans, beets or something of this kind will not damage the trees and will leave the soil in good condition. The soil of an orchard needs stirring during the early part of the growing season, in particular. Nothing that will prevent this being done is suitable. That is why wheat, oats, rye, etc., are so bad. They not only prevent the tillage of the soil but they make a heavy draft on the moisture and fertility that the trees need when they are making their growth of fruit and wood and buds preparatory to the next year's crop. Cow peas and soy beans are about the best crops for either young or old orchards that I know. They are profitable in themselves and they leave the soil in an improved condition, because of the nitrogen they store in their roots. If the beans are fed off by hogs on the ground it will cost nothing to harvest the crop and the tops will thus be left to make humus when worked into the soil.

H. E. Van Deman.

THE PLUM CURCULIO.

The plum curculio comes forth from winter quarters usually in May. The egg-laying mark of this insect is so characteristic that this curculio is commonly known as the little Turk. The snout is used in cutting the deep crescent mark, while the spot representing the star of the Turkish emblem is partly made by the ovipositor. The egg hatches and the small, footless maggot begins feeding on the plum under the tiny wilted flap which formerly protected the egg. As the larvae grows it eats its way to the pit of the young plum and there it sets up an irritation which eventually causes the immature fruit to drop. The larvae soon leaves the fruit and enters the ground to pupate, emerging in a few weeks as an adult beetle. It is reported by growers of European plums that the curculio can be controlled by the use of arsenical sprays alone, the success of the operation depending entirely upon the thoroughness of the application. It is advised by way of preparation, to prune the plum tree so that no cross or parallel branches remain. The tree must be sufficiently open to allow the nozzles to be used freely in all parts of the head. The plums must hang free from the branches. Shortly after the blossoms fall a very thorough spray of Paris

green should be thrown from the inside of the tree outward, as well as from the outside inward. In case of rain the poison must be renewed. When the mark of the little Turk is noticed the strength of the spray should be doubled and sufficient lime added to protect the foliage. This mixture should be put on the plums themselves, drenching them thoroughly, the object being to fill the incisions made by the insects in the egg-laying process. I am assured that if this is done carefully the larvae is usually killed shortly after hatching, the wound gradually grows together and the fruit develops perfectly. *Prof. Green. Ohio Experiment Station.*

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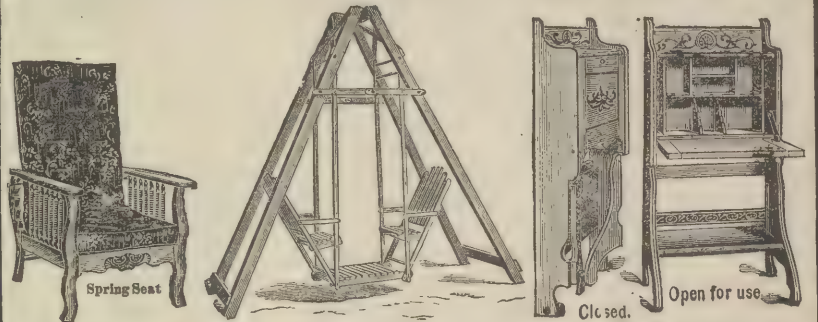
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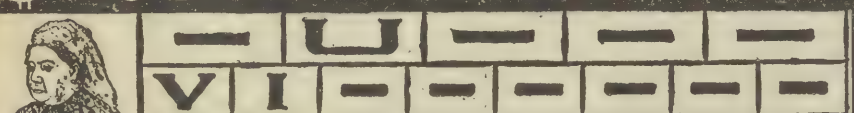
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It is the experience of many interested in nature study that it makes children more thoughtful about the beauties of flowers and trees, and more tender to all forms of insect and animal life, and so less likely to wantonly destroy them. One aim of a teacher of nature study should be to inculcate a love and tenderness toward all forms of life, and we think that most instructors realize this fact.

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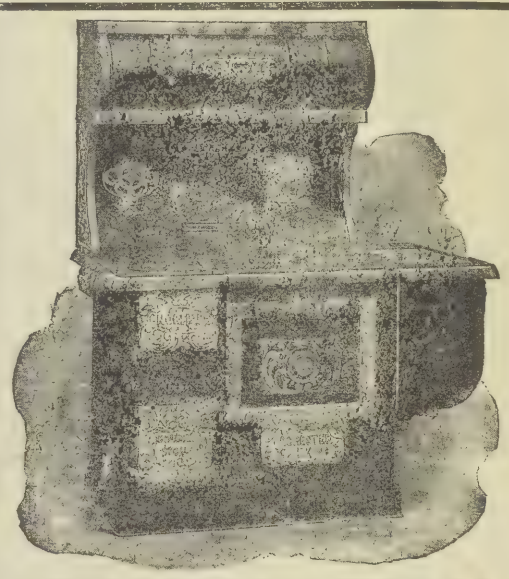
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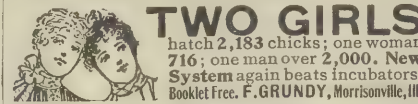
Before introducing new stock into your yard, it is always best to quarantine it, until you are satisfied there are no lice on the newcomers. That's where the ounce of prevention comes in.

Better put the coops under a shed of some kind, thus early in the season, for when exposed to the weather they become dangerously damp for the old hen and chicks. They must be kept warm and dry.

You might better kill off one-third of the chicks hatched in your incubator, than to crowd too many of them into a brooder. Over-crowding is a prolific source of disease and death among young chicks as well as old ones.

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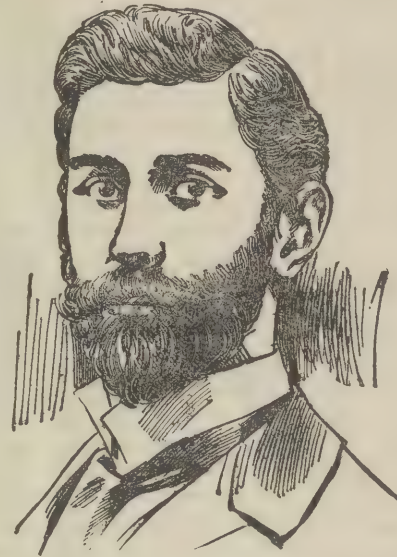
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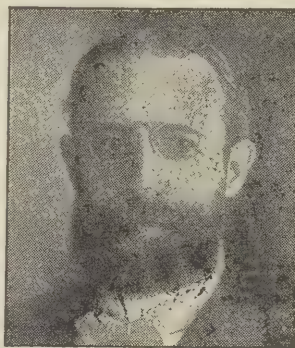
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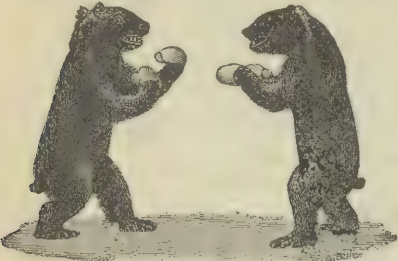
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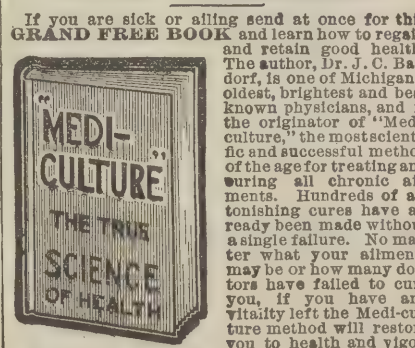
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IN THE GARDEN—Concluded.

Alpine Strawberry.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

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These plants can be grown from seed, and if sown very early will fruit the same season. They are ever bearers up to the time frost cuts them down. The fruit is not so large as other varieties but much larger than the wild strawberry which it resembles in shape and flavor. It is a very aromatic berry, and the white berries make a very tempting looking dish when served with the other colors. The Alpine is shuckless which is greatly in its favor. They are as hardy as any kind and to the home user very desirable. I do not know how they would do for the market, but think the late ones would command fancy prices. Mrs. W. M. Knoer.

Vines.

In this section, as in many others, squashes, pumpkins, and cucumbers were nearly, if not quite, an entire failure, owing to the squash and pumpkin bug. The black hard-shelled bugs are very destructive when as plenty as last year, so much so as to cause failure of the squash or pumpkin crop. The prospects are that they may be again plenty this year, and if folks wish to have vines of any kind, the bugs will have to be fought to the bitter end. During the night the squash bug crawls under anything it can find for shelter. If shingles be laid around the vines, the bugs will be found under them early in the morning, and can be knocked off into a pail of hot water or kerosene oil and water. One can get rid of quite a lot of bugs that way. Any way, a continued warfare will have to be made to save the vines if like last year. Fred E. Longley in New England Farmer.

The Cucumber Beetle.

Many who have attempted to grow cucumbers on any considerable scale have been driven out of the work by the ravages of the striped cucumber beetle. Fond as the beetle is of the cucumber, it is still fonder of the squash. The plan therefore is to plant a row of squash seed around the patch four or five days before the cucumber seed is planted. Then if the beetle appears it will attack the squash plants and these are plentifully sprinkled with Paris green, with the usual result that follows the application of this poison, provided one gets a reasonably pure article.

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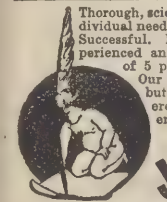
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Apple Blossoms.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)
 Just four years old was Henry Gray When he awoke the first of May,
 From sleep so sweet and tender,
 And slipping from his mother's side,
 He drew the flowing curtains wide,
 To see the morning splendor.
 "Mamma," exclaimed the little boy,
 His face alight with sudden joy,
 "Come, see the pretty snow!
 Come quick, mamma! Come quick and see!
 It covers all the apple tree
 And all the grass below."
 "The snow," cries Maud, in high disdain,
 As close against the window pane
 Her little face she presses,
 "Why brother dear, you're young, I know,
 But still you shouldn't call that snow,
 It's little apple-dresses."
E. M. Young.

A Health Secret.

"I'm not nearly so stout as I used to be and if you guessed your head off you could not guess how I have reduced my weight," remarked one of those genial, heavy-set business men.
 "No," he went on, "I haven't been dieting, or I haven't been taking any anti-corpulent medicine; no, nor massage, nor Turkish baths. Give it up? I've been playing ball."
 "Ball!" everybody laughed. "Baseball, football or highball?" asked some smart aleck.

"Just old, everyday ball," the large man said. "Not long ago my heart began acting queer. My wife said I was getting too stout, and had better go to see our doctor. So I went to his office—takes my breath awfully to climb his flight of stairs, too—and he was at breakfast. As I waited one of his little girls came flying into the office, a sweet little thing, just dressed for breakfast—as clean as a pin—with a pretty white apron on and neat little pigtail of brown tied up in blue ribbons.

"She didn't notice me any more than if I had been a wooden Indian, but ran right over to the marble hearth and began bouncing a rubber ball with all her might and main. That was all she had come in for—the stone hearth suited her, and she wanted a little game of ball before breakfast. As I watched her, I had to admire and envy her activity and suppleness; she was in motion all over, arms, legs and body—she had to stoop, reach and run, as the ball got away from her.

"Something struck me. I picked up my hat and got out of that office as if sent word that my office was on fire. I went to the nearest toy shop and paid a dime for a rubber ball. At night I went in our bath room and played ball on the tiled floor. In the morning I got up and played ball, just as I had seen the little girl do. Twice a day, now, we play ball—my wife has got at it, too; and we feel ever so much better for it.

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The Water Lily and Its Culture.
 ARTICLE NO. 4.

The Egyptian Lotus.

Both in habit and appearance the Egyptian lotus* is quite unlike our native pond lily or nymphæa, as well as unlike all other flowers. Each leaf springs from a separate joint of the long creeping root, and rises six feet above the water. The flowers surmount the tallest leaves, and are larger and more stately in appearance than our Southern magnolia. The color is a creamy white in the center deepening to bright rosy pink at the tips of the petals; the fragrance is a pleasant one peculiar to the lotus. Each flower opens four successive days, closing at night, while the blooming period extends from June to September.

There are three distinct species of the lotus, or Nelumbia, hailing from three separate continents, all exactly alike except in color of flower—the Egyptian pink, the American yellow, the Chinese or Japanese rose and white. The last has broken into several varieties; the other two are identically the same under all climates and modes of cultivation, as when first introduced to man.

CULTURE. The cultivation of the lotus is very simple. Naturalized in low swampy places, ponds, or along the edges of streams, it graces the surroundings. In such places it is perfectly hardy, and after once planted and established will require no further attention. The roots should be planted in spring or early summer, as follows: Select a sunny place with rich soil where the water is two or three feet deep, or shallower, to where the water barely covers the ground. Open a trench in the mud, lay the root in and carefully cover it two inches deep using caution at all times not to break or bruise the roots. Usually the roots grow at once but sometimes fail.

Tanks or artificial ponds are often built for the accommodation of this and other rare water lilies. They may be of any size or shape desired, and two or four feet is the proper depth. I prefer to have each variety planted in a box, say three feet square and one foot deep, filled with rich soil and sunk in the tank. This avoids mixing the varieties and is in other ways desirable. A few ornamental fish added to the water, will prevent mosquitoes and otherwise assert their usefulness. The lotus submits to cultivation in tubs and with the greater number of people this is the only way it can be grown. Ordinary half-barrels will do. Cleanse them well and fill two-thirds full of rich garden soil in which plant the roots; then fill tubs with water and set in a sunny place. In winter remove the tubs to cellar or otherwise prevent from hard freezing. A beautiful aquatic garden may be had by arranging several tubs in a mound, and filling the intervening spaces with ferns, arrow heads and other moisture loving plants. (See article in March number of this magazine.)

Geo. B. Moulder.

Prevalency of Kidney Trouble

So prevalent and deceptive is kidney trouble that it very often becomes well advanced before it is even suspected, therefore, it behooves all to be on the lookout. Should you be ill, or not feeling well, it would be wise to first pay attention to the kidneys and ascertain if they are the cause of your trouble.

A simple method of finding out if your kidneys are at fault has often been called to the attention of our readers through Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root advertising in the columns of this paper, and it is now repeated for the benefit of those who may be interested. Viz; "Fill a bottle with urine and set aside for twenty-four hours or so, and if it shows a brick-dust sediment or cloudy appearance, or if the urine is scanty or profuse, or if it is found necessary to go often through the day, or get up many times during the night, you may be sure your kidneys need attention.

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A NOXIOUS WEED,
 and we appeal especially to the "chronically ill" who are wearied and discouraged with "stomach-drugging" as a means of warfare against Disease; to sufferers threatened with cruel "operations;" to men and women who, in spite of heroic efforts for cure, feel themselves steadily declining; to men and women who are victims of sedentary employment or excessive "brain exhaustion," and to those who have been cast aside as "incurable."
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A Story of the Springs.

(Continued from Page 6.)

in some bushes by the side of the river, above the falls. While his rival and the White Dove were fording the river on horseback, Ilgowawa shot an arrow through the body of Ahwanda and killed him. The body went over the falls. The White Dove went back to her father, but not to stay. A few days afterward her body was found at the foot of the falls, where she had thrown herself.

"Ever since, at certain seasons of the year, on moonlight nights, her face can be seen in the still water below the falls. That is the legend, as I have heard it."

Burnham had listened thoughtfully to the narration, and he regretted the abrupt close.

"It's a sad story," he commented. "I wonder how much of it is true. What do you think?"

"It certainly is sad, and certainly seems possible, all except the ghostly apparition. That seems to me like pure fiction. But I feel sure that you can approach the falls in a properly receptive state. Perhaps you may catch a glimpse of the White Dove's face. Shall you look for it?"

"I haven't planned for a moonlight visit," he answered. "But your story has made me curious to see these falls. I have been thinking that the Indian girl was rather foolish to take it to heart so. She might have found another brave soon. Possibly the jealous fellow who shot the arrow might have made her happy in time."

"Indian wooing means warfare, you know; the strongest takes the prize. The girl was his by right of arms. Don't you think so?"

"He thought so, at any rate," she answered. "But I mustn't forget to thank you again for this photograph, Mr. Burnham, and hope you will succeed in getting some excellent views of the falls."

Burnham drew out his watch, and was surprised to find the hour so much later than he had supposed. He would be missed at the hotel. He rose to go.

"I should be much pleased to drive you over to the falls, if you would care to go," he said.

"Oh, thank you, I should, indeed, but—"

Her indecision perplexed him.

(Concluded in June issue.)

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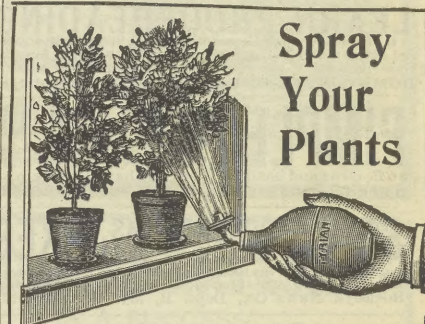
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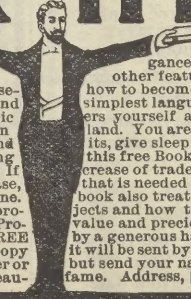
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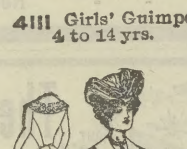
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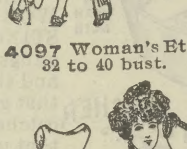
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